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CANADA

August 24, 2021

Mr. Wab Kinew
Leader of the Official Opposition
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Mr. Dougald Lamont
Leader of the Liberal Party of Manitoba
Room 169, Legislative Building
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Dear Mr. Kinew and Mr. Lamont:

This morning Dr. Brent Roussin and I announced several additional public health measures to protect Manitoba against the rising Delta variant and a possible 4th COVID-19 wave. This includes requiring immunization or regular COVID-19 testing for designated public sector workers in the health care, education, child care, and correctional sectors.

I believe all MLAs need to lead by example in our collective efforts to achieve sufficient immunization levels to ward off the negative impacts of this 4th wave. To that end, I have directed that all government staff based in the Manitoba Legislative Building must follow this new public health measure. I have also directed the Government House Leader to reach out to the Official Opposition House Leader and Dr. Gerrard to establish an agreement that requires all MLAs and Legislative Assembly staff to follow the same policy. This needs to be in place prior to the legislature resuming business.

I trust you will direct your House Leaders to work expeditiously to develop this agreement so we can continue to protect Manitobans from COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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Brian Pallister

c. Honourable Myrna Driedger
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba

Honourable Kelvin Goertzen
Government House Leader

Ms. Nahanni Fontaine
Official Opposition House Leader

Dr. Jon Gerrard
MLA River Heights

Province of Manitoba
LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

August 24, 2021

Premier Brian Pallister
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Dear Premier Pallister,

The prospect of the onset of the fourth wave in Manitoba is deeply concerning and means we should take every step possible to protect Manitobans from the dangers of COVID-19. Vaccinations - combined with strong, consistent and clear public health measures - are the best defence we have against this virus.

On August 18, our House Leader made the public appeal to the Assembly for a vaccination mandate for all MLAs to participate in House proceedings. As elected officials, we should lead by example.

As Premier it is incumbent on you and your Government to show leadership on this important issue. We are prepared to work with your Government and all MLAs to ensure there is a vaccination mandate in place for the House prior to the resumption of the next sitting.

As Premier, I would expect you ensure that all members of the Government Caucus, including leadership contestants, would agree to the implementation of this mandate. What's more, given that it is only members of the Government caucus who remain unvaccinated, I would expect you ensure those MLAs also comply with this measure.

I look forward to advancing this initiative.

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Wab Kinew

Leader of the Official Opposition